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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title and prior to the text of the application, please insert the following section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority on International Application No. PCT/EP2005/051633, filed April 13, 2005, which claims priority on Italian Application No. MI2004A000737, filed April 14, 2004.

Pages 2 and 3, please replace the paragraphs beginning with “An object of the present invention...” at page 2, line 21 and ending with “...technical teachings of the accompanying claims.” at page 3, line 10 with the following paragraphs:

A modular refrigeration and/or freezer appliance according to one embodiment of the invention comprises a U-shaped module having a rear part connected to pair of opposing side parts and an open top, bottom, and front; a top closure wall closing the open top of the U-shaped module; a bottom closure wall closing the open bottom of the U-shaped module; a door adapted to selectively close the open front of the U-shaped module, wherein the U-shaped module, the top closure wall, the bottom closure wall, and the door define a thermally insulated compartment; and a reversible connector between the U-shaped module and at least one other module of the appliance.

A modular refrigeration and/or freezer appliance according to another embodiment of the invention comprises at least two U-shaped modules, each U-shaped module having a rear part connected to a pair of opposing side parts and an open top, bottom, and front, with the at least two U-shaped modules arranged vertically; a top closure wall closing the open top of the uppermost U-shaped module; a bottom closure wall closing the open bottom of the bottom most U-shaped module; a door adapted to selectively close the open fronts of the at least two U-shaped modules, wherein the at least two U-shaped modules, the top closure wall, the bottom closure wall, and the door

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define at least one thermally insulated compartment; and a reversible connector between the U-shaped modules.

Page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 with “The couplings 30...” and ending with “...parts very stable.” with the following paragraph:

The couplings 30 present a substantially flat elongate body ~~31-32~~ from which there symmetrically extend, both lowerly and upperly, pairs of elastic appendices 33 provided with facilitated-engagement teeth 34 to engage said seats 31. Once engaged in the seats ~~31~~, these couplings ~~30~~ are incorporated into the foamed insulating material injected into the compartments of the framework, hence rendering the connection between the different modular parts very stable.

Page 15, please delete the Abstract section and replace the deleted Abstract section with the following replacement Abstract section:

A modular refrigeration and/or freezer appliance comprising at least one U-shaped module ~~(16)~~ which can be fitted to other modules to define, together with closure walls and at least one frontal door, a thermally insulated compartment, said U-shaped module ~~(16)~~ being installable vertically, there being provided, in correspondence with said closure walls ~~(40, 41)~~, reversible connection means ~~(6a, 6b, 30)~~ between the U-shaped modules ~~(16)~~ or between said U-shaped module and other modular components ~~(2)~~ of the refrigeration appliance.